

**REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report any new environmental blight sites and provide updates on existing sites.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That members note the report.
- (2) That members report any new environmental blight sites to the Neighbourhood Services Manager for inclusion in future reports including a contact name and contact details with a brief description of the site and problem.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

### **ISSUE**

1. The definition of environmental blight is:
  - Untidy/derelict piece of Council land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of **Council-owned or unregistered land** which needs a scheme to regenerate the site (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

Private pieces of land requiring tidying are best not dealt with under environmental blight as they may require enforcement. These should be reported to Planning and Building Control to be included on the Problem Buildings List for Section 215 enforcement if the problem is persistent.

2. Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson or Peter Atkinson including a contact name and contact details, exact location and a brief description of the site and the problem.

3. Plans and photographs of the sites will only be included for new sites unless clarification is needed.
4. Please see table below.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
i) Garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway	Privately owned	This site has been on the Environmental Blight Report before in October 2015	It was reported that the site was overgrown again. Area Committee members requested that it be tidied. See location plan attached at Appendix 1	The site is privately owned. Neighbourhood Services to check ownership and write to the owners of the land requesting them to cut back the vegetation.

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** None arising directly from the report.

**Financial:** No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this report. There is no specific allocation for environmental blight sites.

**Legal:** None arising directly from the report.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** These issues will be considered when the schemes are progressed.

**Sustainability:** This will be considered for each individual scheme. Long-term maintenance may be an issue.

**Community Safety:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

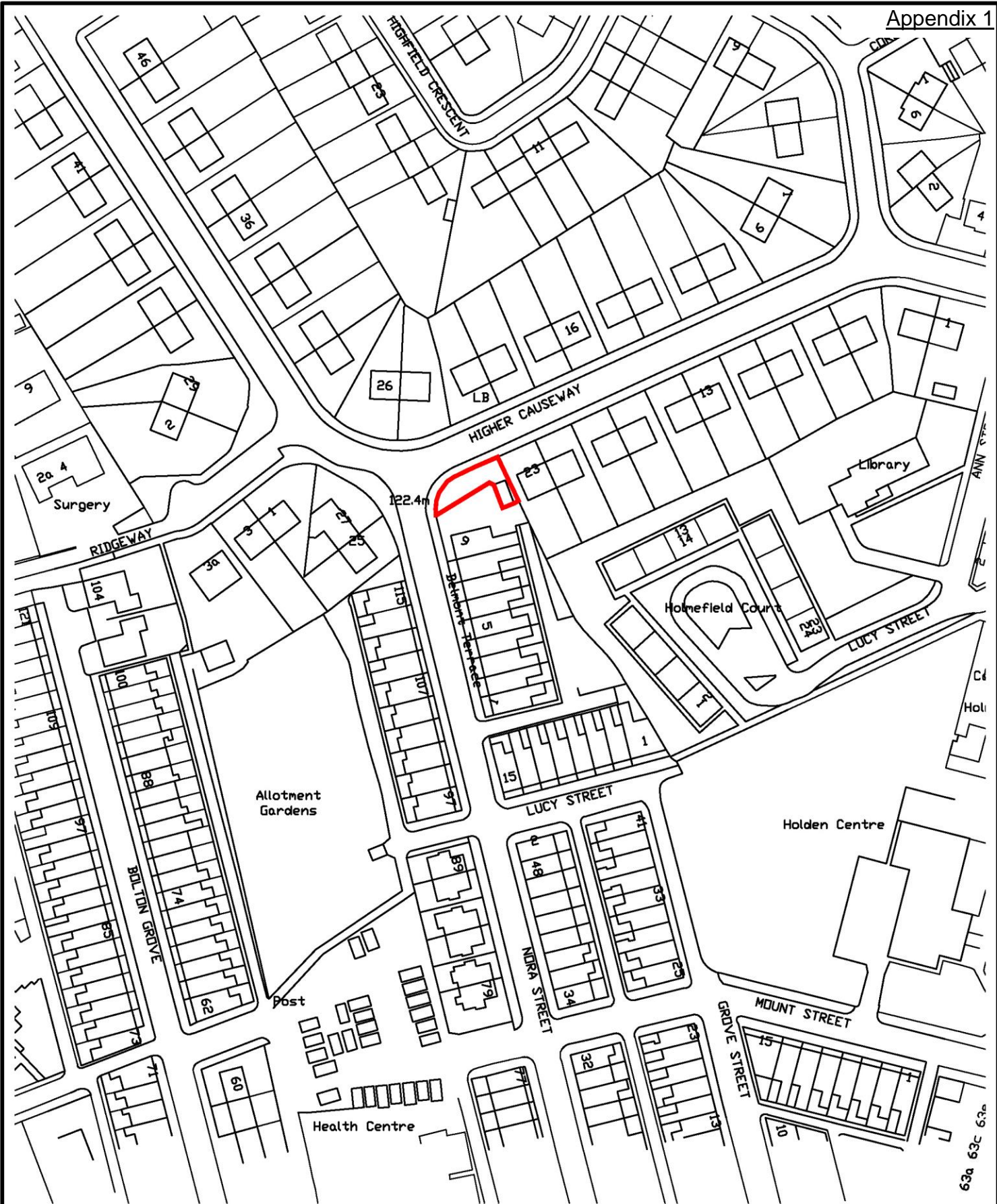
**Equality and Diversity:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

## APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Location Plan – Garage Site at the Junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway, Barrowford.

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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**DRAWING NO**

**PROJECT**  
 Environmental Blight

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**DESCRIPTION**  
 Garage site at the junction of Nora Street  
 and Higher Causeway, Barrowford

**SCALE**  
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